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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Proposed programme of work for the substantive session of 2008

Date		*Programme*	*Documentation*
Week of 30 June-4 July 2008			
Monday, 30 June		**Opening of the session**	
9 a.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters[1]	Annotated provisional agenda (E/2008/100) Proposed programme of work (E/2008/L.5) Status of documentation for the session (E/2008/L.6) Letter dated 5 June 2006 from the Secretary-General of the International Emergency Management Organization addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2006/87)
	Item 2	**High-level segment** Opening of the high-level segment	

* E/2008/100.

[1] Item 1 remains open throughout the substantive session and includes the consideration of applications of intergovernmental organizations for observer status with the Council and requests from non-governmental organizations to be heard by the Council.

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Date		*Programme*	*Documentation*
9.30-11 a.m.		*Keynote addresses on the theme "Achieving sustainable development"*	
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 2 (a)	High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy	
	Item 2 (b)	Development Cooperation Forum	
3-3.45 p.m.		Opening of the Development Cooperation Forum	Report of the Secretary-General on trends and progress in international development cooperation
		Introduction of the report	Letter dated 25 April 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2008/56)
3.45-4.30 p.m.		*Keynote address on "A new vision for development cooperation in the twenty-first century"*	
4.30-6.30 p.m.		*Parallel round tables*	
		1. Allocating more aid: where should it go?	
		2. South-South and triangular development cooperation: what can development actors learn?	
		3. How are civil society and new actors enhancing impact at the country-level?	
Tuesday, 1 July			
10-10.45 a.m.	Item 2 (b) (*continued*)	Development Cooperation Forum	
		Keynote address on "A new vision for development cooperation in the twenty-first century"	

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11 a.m.-1 p.m.		*Parallel round tables*	
		1. Are capacities ready for more aid at the country-level?	
		2. How can development aid support national development strategies?	
3-6 p.m.	Item 2 (*continued*)	High-level segment	Report of the Secretary-General on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development (E/2008/12)
		Introduction of the reports	Report of the Secretary-General for the thematic discussion
		General debate	Note by the Secretary-General on the thematic discussion of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council for 2009: selection of a theme
			World Economic and Social Survey 2008 (E/2008/50/Rev.1)
			Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its tenth session
			Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields
3-5.30 p.m.	Item 2 (b) (*continued*)	Development Cooperation Forum	
		Round table	
		Aid effectiveness agenda: towards consensus at Accra and Doha	
5.30-6 p.m.		Closure of the Development Cooperation Forum	

Date		*Programme*	*Documentation*
Wednesday, 2 July			
9.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.	**Item 2 (c)**	**Annual ministerial review: Implementing the internationally agreed development goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development** ***National voluntary presentations*:** **Belgium, Chile, Finland, United Republic of Tanzania**	
3-6 p.m.	**Item 2 (*continued*)**	**General debate**	
3-6 p.m.	**Item 2 (c) (*continued*)**	**Annual ministerial review: Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development** ***Parallel round tables*** **1. The role of ecosystem services in sustainable development** **2. Meeting the challenges of water and sanitation**	
Thursday, 3 July			
9.30 a.m.-1.30 p.m.	**Item 2 (c) (*continued*)**	**Annual ministerial review: Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development** ***National voluntary presentations*:** **Lao People's Democratic Republic, Luxembourg, Kazakhstan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**	

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3-5.30 p.m.	Item 2 (d)	**Thematic discussion: Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development, taking into account current challenges**	
		Parallel panel discussions	
5.30-6 p.m.		**Adoption of the ministerial declaration**	
		Conclusion of the high-level segment	
Friday, 4 July			
Official United Nations holiday			
Week of 7-11 July 2008			
Monday, 7 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		**Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions:**	
		Theme: "The regional dimension of the themes of the high-level segment of 2008"	
		Coordination segment	
3-4 p.m.	Item 4	**The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Council**	**Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the coordination segment**
		Introduction of the report	
4-6 p.m.		**Panel discussion on "Working towards food security: the United Nations system approach"**	

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Tuesday, 8 July			
10 a.m.-12 noon		**Panel discussion on "Rural development and social welfare: a country-level perspective"**	
12 noon-1 p.m.	Item 4 (*continued*)	**The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Council** ***General discussion***	
3-4 p.m.	Item 4 (*continued*)	**The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Council** ***Introduction of the reports and general discussion***	**Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16 (see also under items 8, 13 and 14)** **Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society**
4-6 p.m.		**Dialogue with the Chairpersons of the subsidiary bodies of the Council on "Promoting an integrated approach to the eradication of poverty and hunger"**	
Wednesday, 9 July			
10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.		**Round table discussion on "Coherence: strengthening the normative and operational link in the work of the United Nations"**	
12.30-1 p.m.		**Conclusion of the coordination segment**	

Date		*Programme*	*Documentation*
Thursday, 10 July		**Operational activities segment**	
10-11 a.m.	Item 3	Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation	
	Item 3 (a)	Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council	Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/63/71-E/2008/46) Report of the Secretary-General on the functioning of the resident coordinator system Report of the Secretary-General on the management process for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (E/2008/49) Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (E/2008/CRP.1) Conference room paper on actions taken by the executive boards and governing bodies of the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies in the area of simplification and harmonization
	Item 3 (b)	Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme	Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2007 and on its first regular session (DP/2008/19) and its annual session of 2008

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		Introduction of the work programme and key objectives of the segment	Joint annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
		Keynote address	
		Introduction of the reports	Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on its second regular session of 2007 (E/2007/34/Rev.1), its first regular session (E/2008/34(Part I)) and its annual session of 2008
			Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to the Council
			Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP) on its 2007 sessions (E/2008/36)
			Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme for 2007 (E/2008/14)
11 a.m.-1 p.m.		Thematic panel on "The United Nations system in a changing aid environment: implications and comparative advantages"	
3-5.45 p.m.		Panel on "Strengthening United Nations development system's responsiveness to the different needs of programme countries"	
Friday, 11 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Dialogue with Executive Heads of United Nations funds and programmes (UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP)	
3-5.30 p.m.	Item 3 (*continued*)	Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation	

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	Item 3 (a) (*continued*)	**Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council**	
		General discussion	
Week of 14-18 July 2008			
Monday, 14 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m. **3-5 p.m.**	**Item 3 (*continued*)**	**Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation**	
	Item 3 (a) (*continued*)	**Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council**	
	Item 3 (b) (*continued*)	**Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme**	
		General discussion	
		Adoption of the outcome of the operational activities segment	
5-6 p.m.		**Conclusion of the operational activities segment**	
Tuesday, 15 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		**Informal event to discuss relief to development: Panel discussion on "Coordination in the transition phase between emergency relief and sustainable recovery"**	

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		Humanitarian affairs segment	
3-6 p.m.	Item 5	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance Theme: "Building capabilities and capacities at all levels for timely humanitarian assistance, including disaster risk reduction" *Introduction of the report and general discussion*	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations
Wednesday, 16 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Panel discussion: "Disaster risk reduction and preparedness: addressing the humanitarian consequences of natural disasters, including the impact of climate change"	
3-6 p.m.	Item 5 (*continued*)	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance *General discussion*	
Thursday, 17 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Panel discussion: "Humanitarian challenges related to global food aid, including enhancing international efforts and cooperation in this field"	
3-6 p.m.	Item 5 (*continued*)	Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance *General discussion* Adoption of the outcome of the humanitarian affairs segment Conclusion of the humanitarian affairs segment	

Date		*Programme*	*Documentation*
Friday, 18 July		**General segment**	
10-11.30 a.m.	**Item 6**	**Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits**	
	Item 6 (a)	**Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development**	**Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**
	Item 8	**Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265, including 61/16**	**Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16 (see also under items 4, 13 and 14)**
		Introduction and general discussion	
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	**Item 7**	**Coordination, programme and other questions**	
	Item 7 (c)	**International cooperation in the field of informatics**	**Report of the Secretary-General on the action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate**
	Item 13	**Economic and environmental questions**	
	Item 13 (b)	**Science and technology for development**	**Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its eleventh session (E/2008/31)**
		Introduction and general discussion	

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3-6 p.m.	Item 6 (b)	Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 *Introduction and general discussion*	Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
Week of 21-25 July 2008			
Monday, 21 July			
10-11 a.m.	Item 7	Coordination, programme and other questions	
	Item 7 (a)	Reports of coordination bodies	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2007 Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-eighth session (A/63/16)
	Item 7 (b)	Proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 *Introduction and general discussion*	Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 (see relevant fascicles of A/63/6)
11 a.m.-1 p.m.		*Panel discussion*	
3-6 p.m.	Item 12	Non-governmental organizations *Introduction and general discussion*	Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2008 session (E/2008/32 (Part I and II))
Tuesday, 22 July			
10-11.30 a.m.	Item 9	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (E/2008/47)

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			Report of the Secretary-General on support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations
	Item 10	**Regional cooperation**	**Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2008/15 and addenda)**
			Economic developments in the Economic Commission for Europe region, 2008 (E/2008/16)
			Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2008 (E/2008/17)
			Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2008* (E/2008/18)
			Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook, 2007-2008 (E/2008/19)
			Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2007-2008 (E/2008/20)
	Item 11	**Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan**	**Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2007/26 (A/63/74-E/2008/13)**
			Note by the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/63/74-E/2008/13)
		Introduction and general discussion	
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	**Item 7**	**Coordination, programme and other questions**	

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	Item 7 (g)	Tobacco or health	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control
	Item 14	Social and human rights questions	
	Item 14 (i)	Genetic privacy and non-discrimination	Report of the Secretary-General on genetic privacy and non-discrimination
	Item 15	United Nations research and training institutes	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/210, including details on the financial implications, the status of contributions to and the financial situation of the institutes
		Introduction and general discussion	
3-4.30 p.m.	Item 7	Coordination, programme and other questions	
	Item 7 (d)	Long-term programme of support for Haiti	Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti
	Item 7 (f)	Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict	Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (E/2008/55)
		Introduction and general discussion	
4.30-6 p.m.		*Panel discussion*	
Wednesday, 23 July			
10-11.30 a.m.	Item 7	Coordination, programme and other questions	
	Item 7 (e)	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system	Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
	Item 13	Economic and environmental questions	
	Item 13 (k)	Women and development	Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-second session (E/2008/27)

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	Item 14	**Social and human rights questions**	
	Item 14 (a)	**Advancement of women** *Introduction and general discussion*	**Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-second session (E/2008/27)** **Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system** **Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women** **Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fifth session** **Report of the Secretary-General on the future work to strengthen the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women**
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		*Panel discussion*	
3-6 p.m.	**Item 13**	**Economic and environmental questions**	**Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16 (see also under items 4, 13 and 14)**
	Item 13 (a)	**Sustainable development**	**Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its sixteenth session (E/2008/29)** **Reports of the Committee for Development Policy on its tenth session (E/2008/33)**
	Item 13 (c)	**Statistics**	**Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-ninth session (E/2008/24)**

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	Item 13 (d) Human settlements	Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda
	Item 13 (e) Environment	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session
		Report of the Secretary-General on the continued usefulness for the Member States of the Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale have been Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments
		Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (A/63/76-E/2008/54)
	Item 13 (f) Population and development	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-first session (E/2008/25)
	Item 13 (g) Public administration and development	Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its seventh session (E/2008/44)
	Item 13 (h) International cooperation in tax matters	Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its third session (E/2007/45)
	Item 13 (i) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions	*No request for advance documentation*
	Item 13 (j) Cartography	Report of the Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names
	Introduction and general discussion	Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-fourth session

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Thursday, 24 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 14	Social and human rights questions	Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16 (see also under items 4, 8 and 13)
	Item 14 (b)	Social development	Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-sixth session (E/2008/26)
	Item 14 (c)	Crime prevention and criminal justice	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its seventeenth session (E/2008/30)
	Item 14 (d)	Narcotic drugs	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-first session (E/2008/28)
			Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2007 (E/INCB/2007/1)
	Item 14 (e)	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
	Item 14 (f)	Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action	*No advance documentation has been requested*
	Item 14 (g)	Human rights	Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions (E/2008/22)
			Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
			Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child
			Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children

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	Item 14 (h)	**Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues** ***Introduction and general discussion***	**Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its seventh session (E/2008/43)**
3-6 p.m.	Items 13 and 14	***Conclusion of general discussion*** **Action on outstanding draft proposals**	
Friday, 25 July			
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		**Action on outstanding draft proposals**	
3-6 p.m.		**Action on outstanding draft proposals** **Conclusion of the work of the substantive session of 2008**	